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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

OF: Rolf ESPE ART UNIT: 1771

SERIAL NO.: 09/810,283 | EX.: L. Salvatore

FILED: March 16, 2001 | Conf. No.: 5921

FOR: Press Pad Containing Fluoro-

elastomer or Fluorosilicone

Elastomer

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July 21, 2003

RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 21, 2003 INCLUDING AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir:

This Response should receive expedited handling because it is being filed within TWO months after the mailing date of the Final Office Action of May 21, 2003.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

(THIS AMENDMENT IS IN THE NEW REVISED AMENDMENT FORMAT, WITH DELETED MATTER SHOWN BY STRIKETHROUGH AND ADDED MATTER SHOWN BY UNDERLINING. A SEPARATE MARKED-UP VERSION IS THUS NOT REQUIRED).

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